

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1           1. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a  
2 polyethylene terephthalate packaging web, the method comprising the  
3 steps of:

4                 ~~[[a)]~~ subjecting feeding a polyethylene terephthalate  
5 raw material ~~to plastification in to~~ a twin-screw extruder at a  
6 feed rate while rotating screws of the extruder at a rotation rate  
7 to plastify the material and extruding a polyethylene terephthalate  
8 melt from said extruder;

9                 ~~[[b)]~~ degassing an interior of said extruder during  
10 the extrusion of the polyethylene terephthalate melt therefrom;  
11                 passing the melt through a sieve filter;

12                 measuring melt pressure upstream and downstream of the  
13 sieve filter;

14                 controlling one of the rates of the extruder in  
15 accordance with the measured melt pressures;

16                 ~~[[c)]~~ outputting a strip of said polyethylene  
17 terephthalate melt from a spinning head located downstream of said  
18 extruder; and

19                 ~~[[d)]~~ cooling and stretching said strip of said  
20 polyethylene terephthalate to form said polyethylene terephthalate  
21 packaging web.

1           2. (currently amended) The method defined in claim 1  
2 wherein said raw material is at least in part PET flakes formed by  
3 comminuting PET bottles.

1           3. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein  
2 said raw material is supplied to said extruder with at least one  
3 metering screw.

1           4. (currently amended) The method defined in claim 3  
2 wherein said metering screw supplied supplies said raw material to  
3 said extruder such that flights of the extruder screws are filled  
4 only to 25% to 60% with the polyethylene terephthalate raw  
5 material.

1           5. (original) The method defined in claim 4 wherein the  
2 flights of the extruder screws are filled to 30% to 50% with the  
3 polyethylene terephthalate raw material.

1           6. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the  
2 screws of the extruder are driven in the same sense.

1           7. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the  
2 interior of said extruder is degassed by connecting at least one  
3 suction pump thereto.

1           8. (original) The method defined in claim 1, further  
2 comprising the step of feeding at least one chain-lengthening  
3 substance to said interior of said extruder.

1           9. (original) The method defined in claim 8 wherein  
2 said chain-lengthening substance is a lactam or an oxazole  
3 derivative.

10. (canceled)

1           11. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein  
2 said melt is fed to said head with at least one melt pump.

1           12. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein  
2 said strip is cooled in a liquid.

1           13. (original) The method defined in claim 12 wherein  
2 said liquid is a water bath.

1           14. (new) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the one  
2 rate is the rotation rate.

1           15. (new) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the one  
2 rate is the feed rate.